

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 7-10 as follows:

LISTING OF CURRENT CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A damper for protecting a sensor of a gauge measuring the pressure of a dry etch chamber, comprising:
a vacuum tube for connecting the gauge with the chamber; ~~and~~
at least one plate for blocking the plasma of the chamber from directly striking
5 against the sensor, disposed at the inner wall of the vacuum ~~tube~~; tube; and
at least one wire netting structure located on a front end of the vacuum tube near the chamber.

Claim 2. (Original) The damper of Claim 1, wherein the at least one plate is a stainless steel plate.

Claims 3-4. (Canceled)

Claim 5. (Original) A damper for protecting a sensor of a gauge measuring the pressure of a dry etch chamber, comprising:

a vacuum tube for connecting the gauge with the chamber; and
two plates for blocking the plasma of the chamber from directly striking against the sensor, respectively and separately disposed at the upper inner wall and the lower inner wall of the vacuum tube.

Claim 6. (Original) The damper of Claim 5, further comprising a reticular structure disposed at the front end fo the vacuum tube near the chamber.

Claim 7. (New) A damper for protecting a sensor of a gauge measuring a pressure of a dry etch chamber from plasma particles comprising:

- a) a vacuum tube connecting the gauge with the dry etch chamber; and
- b) at least one plate located on an inner wall of the vacuum tube and blocking the plasma particles of the dry etch chamber from directly striking against the sensor.

Claim 8. (New) The damper of Claim 7, wherein the at least one plate is a stainless steel plate.

Claim 9. (New) The damper of Claim 7, further comprising a reticular structure located on a front end of an interior of the vacuum tube that is connected to the dry etch chamber.

Claim 10. (New) The damper of Claim 9, wherein the reticular structure is a wire netting.